

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411305711

Address: 7 East Lexington Street

Current Name:

Block: 6 A ^B	Lot: 3	Lot size: 28 ft. x 110 ft.
Height: 3		Materials: Brick and granite
Condition: Good		Owner: Roal Realty Co.
Use: Commercial		Accessible: yes, unrestricted
Designation:		Liber/Folio: CWM 4167-160



Historic Name: Pattison & Gahan

Date: 1904

Architect/Builder: Tormey & Leach

Style (if appropriate):

Description:

This three story high, two bay wide, brick and granite structure with terra cotta and copper trim has been altered on the first floor with a modern storefront and a bright red, large Earl of Sandwich sign above the first story windows. The second and third story features three part windows and three part segmental arched windows, respectively. All the windows on these floors are decorated with keystone consoles and wreath details, transoms, bright blue and yellow window frames and white iron railings with a lace pattern. On the upper floors, the building walls are made of rusticated two tone brick and stone. A simple cornice surmounts the third story windows with terra cotta end brackets. Above the cornice, the facade is all brick with four small rectangular ventilation panels containing large star designs. There is a large blue wooden cornice at the roofline.

Significance:

Area: architecture

Level: local

The building at 7 East Lexington Street was once the office of the auctioneers, Pattison & Gahan. Pattison & Gahan was the first business on East Lexington Street to rebuild and reopen their office after the Baltimore Fire of 1904. On December 6, 1904, Pattison & Gahan moved into this building designed by the architectural firm of Tormey and Leach. Architecturally, the building features such significant details as decorative keystone consoles, wreath details and elaborate iron railings with lace patterns. Despite alterations on the first floor storefront, the building at 7 E. Lexington Street is characteristic of commercial structures built after the Baltimore Fire and contributes to the historic character of the area.

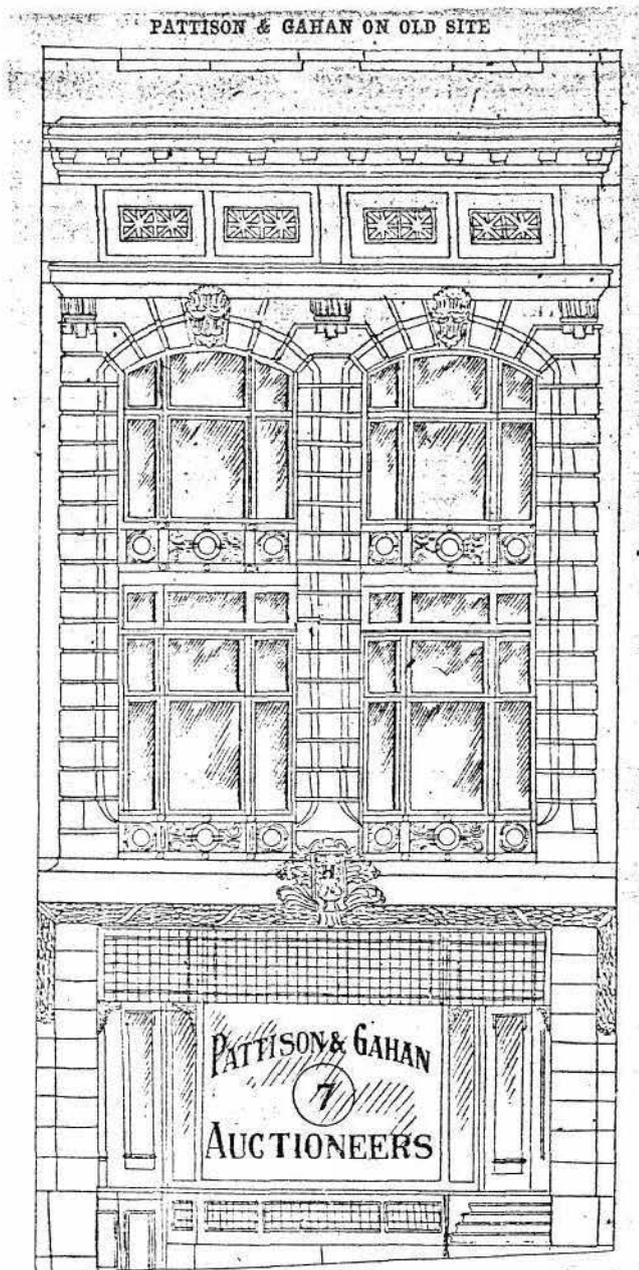
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Surveyor and Date: Caroline Hardy, April 1985

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BALTIMORE FINANCIAL DISTRICT SURVEY

Address: 7 East Lexington Street



WELL-KNOWN AUCTIONEERS MOVE INTO NEW BUILDING 7 E. LEXINGTON ST.

Pattison & Gahan, the well-known firm of auctioneers, moved into their new building at 7 East Lexington street yesterday. The firm was located at the same place before the great fire and is the first to get back to old quarters on East Lexington street. The building was designed by Tormey & Leach, architects, and was built by William Ferguson & Bro. for the Henkleman estate. It has a frontage of 29 feet and a depth of 112 feet. The front has been very favorably commented on by the numerous pedestrians along East Lexington street and members of the firm, who were very busy yesterday in arranging their quarters, are much pleased with their new home. The building has three stories and a basement equal to a full story, making it practically four stories high. The front is of granite, brick, terra cotta and copper.

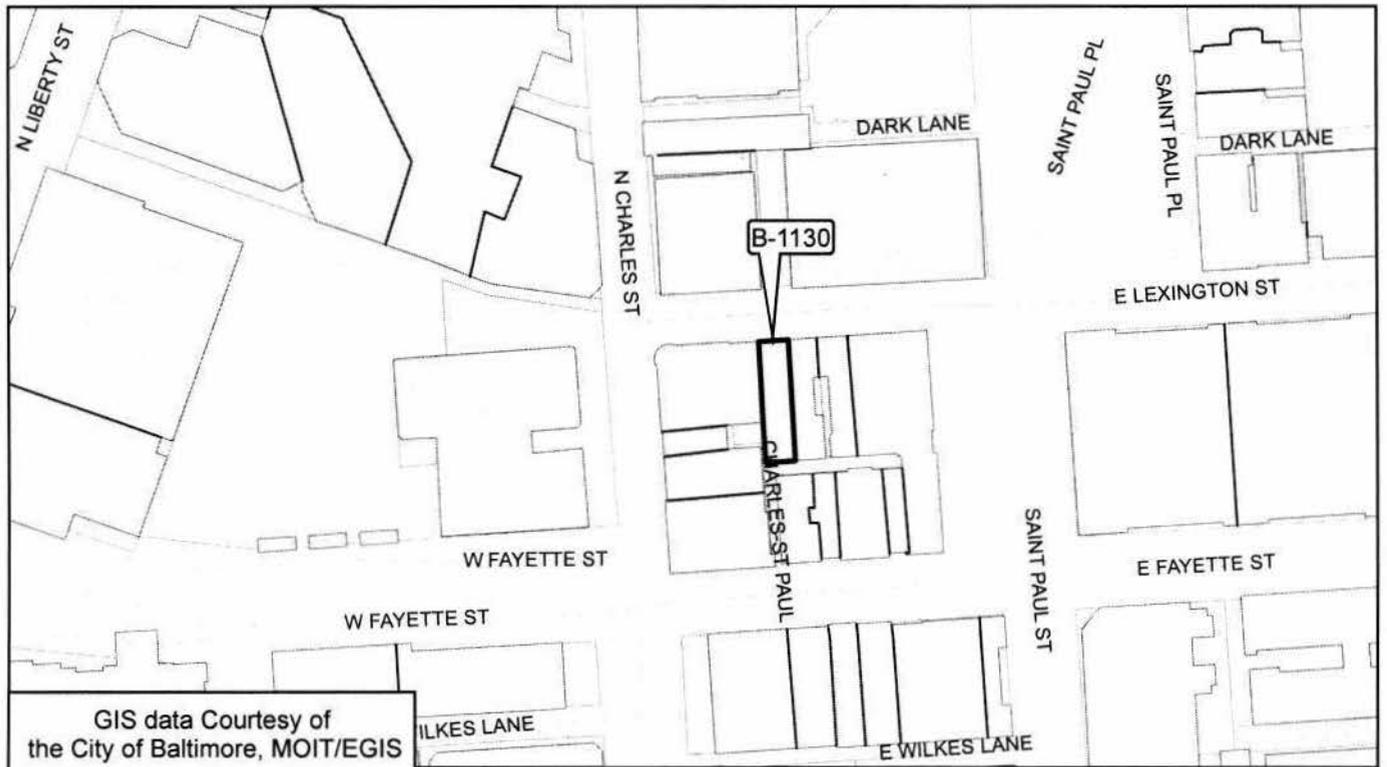
The basement will be used as a salesroom and storage room. The rear is so arranged

that a wagon can be driven up the alley from Fayette street and unloaded at the foot of the elevator. The floor in the basement is of concrete and asphalt blocks. In the rear of the first floor are located the offices of the firm. The rest of this floor will be used as a show room and sales room. Handsome metal ceilings have been erected on the first and second stories.

The second floor will be used exclusively as an art room. The firm will receive in a day or two a handsome collection of Oriental rugs, valued at \$50,000, which will be displayed on this floor. The maroon-colored walls of this story contrast harmoniously with the white metal ceiling and the other furnishings.

The third floor will also be used as a sales room and store room. The building has all modern conveniences, including a large electric elevator, electric and gas lighting and steam heating.

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